GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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COAL MINING AT STATE LEVEL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government has submitted any proposal for coal mining at its own level after acquiring the coal blocks under the revised coal mining policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) whether in view of the proposals of the State Governments, the Coal India Limited has issued no objection certificates for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the grounds on which the no objection certificates have been issued and names of the collieries in respect of which no objection certificates have been issued ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) & (b) : Revised coal mining policy enunciated in December 2001 allows coal mining to the State Government companies/ undertakings. Under the said policy the following State Government/State Government undertakings have submitted proposalsto the Central Government for allocation of coal mining blocks:-

(i) West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. (Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)

(ii) Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited (Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)

(iii) State Mineral Development Corporation (Govt of Jharkhand Undertaking)

(iv) Maharashtra State Mining Corporation. (Govt. of Maharashtra Undertaking)

(v) Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation. (Govt. of Chhattisgarh Undertaking)

(c) & (d) : Coal India Ltd. have issued no objection in respect of the following blocks as they have no plan to work these blocks.

1. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd.